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At Ambassadorial group briefing today INR reported that

results surveillance flight yesterday were inconclusive as to whether Soviet dismantling was taking place. Although some indications fresh construction seen this may have taken place in period after Saturday's reconnaissance and before Sunday's alleged stop order by Khrushchev. (We did not take photographs Sunday to avoid possible incidents.)

Thompson announced forty-eight hour suspension aerial surveillance at U Thant request although US recognizes gap in surveillance involves some risks.

French expressed some reservations on Brazilian plan for nuclear free zone in Latin America and asked what US position

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was. Thompson stated so far as he knew this not determined. Pointed out that it had some attraction as means of ensuring continued surveillance after Soviet offensive weapons removed from Cuba. On other hand, might give certain fillip to general concept denuclearization schemes. Alphan said French particularly concerned about Europe and had some interest in this problem in Africa. Thompson said US policy firmly opposed to such schemes in Europe. If all countries in any area agreed on such scheme would be difficult for anyone to oppose but personally thought would be difficult for all countries of Africa particularly UAR to agree. Hood pointed out that at last assembly there had been agreed tripartite position along line that it was up to countries concerned.

Next meeting subject to call.

USRO and Embassies may use foregoing in fashion authorized TOPOL 587 but important reiterate need continued tight control on this information particularly result yesterday's aerial reconnaissance and forty-eight hour pause since US Government has not made public statement on this matter.

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